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In re application of

WEI *et al.*

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Chemokine Beta-15 (As Amended)**



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Batch No. M15

**Petition For Amendment After Allowance
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition for the entry of the enclosed Amendment after allowance and after payment of the issue fee. The amendments do not change the scope of the claims or add new matter. The amendments are necessary to comply with a formality required by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 28, 1998. The need for filing of these documents was discovered after payment of the issue fee. Thus, the amendments are necessary and could not have been made earlier. This petition is accompanied by the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), in our attached check no. 24147. Early notice of the granting of this petition and the entry of the accompanying Amendment are earnestly solicited. Applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Please enter the "Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone" and copy of the ATCC deposit receipt for ATCC Deposit No. 97519, submitted herewith, into the official file of the captioned application.

Remarks

None of the amendments add new matter. The amendments correct a formal matter without changing the scope of the claims.

Applicants submit herewith a "Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone" and a copy of the ATCC deposit receipt. As a formal matter, the Examiner requested that Applicants comply with the "provisions of the Rule for deposited material as set out in MPEP Chapter 2400" in the Office Action dated April 28, 1998, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 7). Applicants inadvertently failed to provide the documents necessary to comply with this formality. The entry of these documents into the official file is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

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